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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to the primary election in my state of Texas today, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on H.R. 3699 designating the Joel T. Broyhill Post Office; "Yea" on H.R. 3701 designating the Joseph L. Fisher Post Office

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall numbers 46 and 47, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DEUTSCH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained today during rollcall vote No. 46 on H.R. 3699 and rollcall vote No. 47 on H.R. 3701. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 396

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of House Resolution 396, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a biennial budget process should be enacted in the second session of the 106th Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1501, JUVE-NILE JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 1999

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501 tomorrow. The form of the motion is as follows:

Ms. LOFGREN moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1501, be instructed to insist that the committee of conference should have its first substantive meeting to offer amendments and motions within the next 2 weeks.

Madam Speaker, while I understand the House rules do not allow Members to coauthor motions to instruct, I would like to say that the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. McCarthy) supports this motion and intends to speak on its behalf tomorrow.

SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

(Ms. CARSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ĆARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 431, a bill to support humanitarian relief assistance to the Republic of Mozambique. The people of Mozambique have suffered tremendous hardship due to rains that started over a month ago. The flood's side effects of disease, homelessness, and hunger are even more damaging when coupled with 2 million displaced land mines left over from the civil war.

Just as the people of Mozambique seem to be turning the corner to independence, democratic government, and economic advancement, this tragic event has occurred that only, some say, only a God in heaven can control.

As humans, we cannot rationalize or understand nature's catastrophes. As a country, we must follow our belief that not only is the aid to Mozambique necessary because of our national interests and stability, but also because of our moral interest. If there is any short-term gain in this tragedy, it is an opportunity to pass the test of compassion, charity, and humanity that God administers.

I reiterate and encourage the Members of this august body to support H.R. 431, which will provide humanitarian relief assistance to the Republic of Mozambique.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

TRIBUTE TO VETERAN CONGRES-SIONAL AIDE CARY BRICK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. McHugh. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a sense of mixed emotions, because it is an occasion of good-byes, but it is also an opportunity to recognize the work and career of someone who is very special to this House, and certainly to me personally, my chief of staff, Cary R. Brick. His 30-year Congressional staff career spans the service of three consecutive New York State Congressmen. He really has an uncommon record of service, and I am pleased that I have this opportunity tonight to say a few words.

Cary is the most senior chief of staff in the New York Congressional Delegation, and, in fact, one of the most senior staffers to serve this institution. He began his Capitol Hill career in January of 1969 as press secretary to the late Robert C. McEwen, and later served as his executive assistant. When Bob McEwen retired in 1980, Cary was appointed by his successor, former Representative David O'Brien Martin, to serve as his administrative assistant.

When I was elected following Dave Martin's retirement in 1992, I asked Cary to stay on as my chief of staff as well, and it remains to this day one of the easiest and certainly one of the best decisions I have made in my 7-plus years in this House.

Cary Brick has served our current office, that of my predecessors, and our Congressional constituents with the highest level of dedication and enthusiasm. There are few, if any, communities, institutions, organizations or individuals in our district who have not benefited in some way from his work.

Additionally, as the administrator of my Congressional allowances, Cary has made it possible for us to return nearly \$1.5 million to the Congressional coffers, without ever sacrificing the needs of the office and our constituents. He has handled his many responsibilities with the highest level of integrity and has gained a well-earned reputation on Capitol Hill as a dedicated professional.

At a time, Madam Speaker, when the Congressional staff turnover rate is estimated to be 40 percent a year, it is unlikely that anyone will ever equal his achievement. His retirement is a loss to the institution of Congress, the people of New York's 24th Congressional District, his fellow staffers, and me personally.

There are many remarkable things about Cary Brick's career as a Congressional aide, but, rather than citing his impressive biography, I would share but a single glimpse into Cary's psyche that I believe reveals much about what makes him particular.

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Simply put, Cary loves New York's North Country. Just as Dorothy loved